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MISSION GS S161, 30 JUNE 1969

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RUNWAY EXTENSION SONDONG-NI AIRFIELD, NORTH KOREA 39-44N 127-28E

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RUNWAY 6575' X 175'

1640'
RUNWAY EXTENSION
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

WORKERS QUARTERS

NEW TAXIWAY
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

M-7023 NPIC (7/69)

23 FRESCO
8 FAGOT (2 W/O TAIL SECTIONS)

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REFERENCE: MISSION GIANT SCALE S161 RUNWAY EXTENSION
SONDONG-NI AIRFIELD
NORTH KOREA
39-44N 127-28E

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE EXTENSION OF THIS AIRFIELD WILL PROVIDE
IT WITH THE CAPABILITY TO HANDLE MIG-21
AIRCRAFT.
2. LOCATION: AIRFIELD IS LOCATED ONE NAUTICAL MILE (NM)
NORTHEAST OF SONDONG-NI AT 39-44-49N
127-28-36E.
3. REMARKS: SONDONG-NI AIRFIELD WAS FIRST OBSERVED IN
EARLY 1952 WHEN IT CONSISTED OF TWO SOD
LANDING AREAS. IN EARLY 1962 IT CONSISTED OF
A 6,500 X 170 FOOT PROBABLY SERVICEABLE
CONCRETE RUNWAY. BY [] THE AIRFIELD 25X1
CONSISTED OF ONE 6,575 X 175 FOOT NORTH/SOUTH
SERVICEABLE CONCRETE RUNWAY WITH A PARALLEL
TAXIWAY, ONE CROSSOVER AND TWO END-CONNECTING
LINKS. PARKING FACILITIES INCLUDED TWO
ALERT APRONS, FIVE PARKING APRONS AND TWO
DISPERSAL AREAS. ONE DISPERSAL AREA CONTAINED

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14 REVELMENTS AND A FIRING-IN-BUTT AND IS LINKED TO THE NORTH END OF THE RUNWAY BY A LOOP TAXIWAY. THE OTHER AREA CONTAINED 15 REVELMENTS AND IS LINKED TO THE SOUTH END OF THE RUNWAY BY A TAXIWAY. SUPPORT FACILITIES INCLUDED AN OPERATIONS AREA CONTAINING AN OPERATIONS BUILDING/CONTROL TOWER, A PROBABLE ALERT SHACK AND TWO OTHER BUILDINGS, A MAINTENANCE AREA, AN ADMINISTRATION AREA, A BARRACKS AREA, MOTOR POOL, AMMO STORAGE AREA, AND POL STORAGE FACILITIES.

4. MISSION READOUT:

GIANT SCALE S161, 30 JUNE 1969 REVEALS A 1,640 FOOT EXTENSION UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE SOUTH END OF THE RUNWAY. THIS WILL MAKE A TOTAL RUNWAY LENGTH OF 8,215 FEET. NO ADDITIONAL CHANGES ARE NOTED SINCE [] PHOTOGRAPHY.

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AIRCRAFT OBSERVED CONSIST OF 23 FRESCO AND EIGHT FAGOT (TWO WITHOUT TAIL SECTIONS).

[] 20X ENLARGEMENT

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